

Malaya Study Group

SINCE 1959

A Brief History of the Malaya Study Group

**1959 - 2019
60 Years...
...and Counting**

PART FOUR

Selection of Photographs

Meetings



Early AGM of UK Branch
George Turner; Ian Raybould
John Rosevear; Derek Clayton; P Wilson



Visit to Dr FE Wood 1963
Derek Clayton; George Turner; Philip Pratt; Dr FE Wood; John Lake; John Rosevear
Gordon Peters; Eve Clayton; Jo Rosevear; Shirley Cannicott



Bristol May 1965
MA Lewellyn; Gordon Peters; George Turner; Derek Clayton; Stanley Barrow; RS Lewellyn
Brig. Anketell-Jones; Margo Llewellyn; Robin Sanderson; Major B Gausson



Bristol May 1965

Don Parr; Brig. Anketell-Jones; Alfred Toms; John Lake; Robin Sanderson
Shirley Cannicott; Mrs N Parr; Gordon Peters; George Coomber; Cmdr S Barrow; Ron Hardacre



Bristol May 1967

Don Parr; WT Barr; A Fenton (Visitor); Brig. Anketell-Jones; Ron Hardacre;
John Lake; Alfred Toms; Gordon Peters; Hugh Allen; Cmdr S Barrow; Robin Sanderson



Bristol June 1968

Alfred Toms; George Turner; David Medhurst; Ian Raybould
Hugh Allen; Cmdr S Barrow; Robin Sanderson; Brig Anketell-Jones
Keith Elliot; Gordon Peters; Ron Hardacre



Stockport 1970

Derek Clayton; Gordon Peters; Ashley Skinner; Mike Smith;
FH Sutcliff; Mrs JC Hastewell; Derek Kent + visitors



Bournemouth 1981

Ashley Skinner; Cmdr David Morell; Rob Holley; Andrew Norris; Gordon Peters; Peter Giffen; Dennis Moon
Margaret Morell; Pat Moon; Hugh Allan; Pauline Elliot; Keith Elliot



Southampton 1984

Gordon Peters; Ashley Skinner; Andrew Norris; Rob Holley;
Hugh Allan; Bill Lyons; Keith Elliot



Southampton 1987

Keith Elliot; Bill Lyons; Mrs Pat Moon; Susan McEwen; Andrew Norris
Rob Holley; Dennis Moon; Pauline Elliot



Portishead 1988

Don Metcalfe; Rob Holley; Keith Elliot; Dennis Moon; Ian Raybould; Malcolm Clarke; Stan Tidwell
Andrew Norris; Derek Clayton



Worthing 1989

Bill Reeves; Andrew Tan; Doug Binder; John Fisher; Rob Holley; Harold Carpenter; ?; Ann Whittaker;
David Medhurst; Susan McEwen; Jeremy Gaskell; Peter King; Andrew Norris; Ian Raybould; Brian Cave;
Keith Elliot; Anthony Rogers



Bournemouth 1990

Rob Holley; ?, Malcolm Wade; James Song; David Medhurst; Dennis Moon; Keith Elliot; Bill Lyons
Derek Clayton; Michael Ho; Bernard Chung; Jane Ludlow; Mike Ludlow; Richard Kim



Edinburgh 1990

Bill McKinlay; John Morgan; Iain Dyce; Jack Brown; Bill Spalding; Keith Elliot; Frank Reminch
Andrew Norris; Susan McEwen; David Meki



Portsmouth 1991

Stan Tidwell; Dennis Moon; Keith Elliot; Susan McEwen; Malcolm Clarke; Mike Ludlow; Peter Cockburn
Don Metcalfe; Andrew Norris



AGM 1993



Worthing - Date Unknown



Worthing - Date Unknown



Worthing 1997



Worthing 1999



2000

Richard Thio; VT Nathan; Keith Elliot; Dr Gong; Ong Kuee Hong



Worthing 2002

Displays



Worthing 1989

Susan McEwen; Jeremy Gaskell; Keith Elliot; Rob Holley; David Medhurst; Andrew Norris



Leicester 1993



R Holley Pahang 1999

Gordon Peters; Malcolm Wade; Iain Dyce; ?; Rob Holley; Henry Ong; Richard Hale; Ted Needham; Len Stanway



Singapore 1995



'London 2000' - May 2000
Rob Holley with Gordon Peters (about to display)

Medal Presentations

Roseaver Medal



1992 Derek Clayton



1993 Bill Reeves

Both presented by Peter Cockburn

Auctions



Early UK Branch Auction
Bill Reeves; Graham Nelson; Sidney Harris; Philip Pratt; Stanley Barrow



T Trail Kelantan sale June 1984

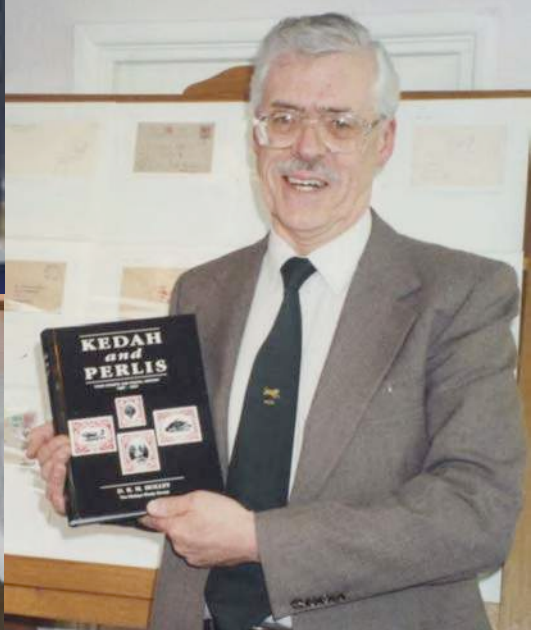


Autumn Auction 1989 – 30th Anniversary

Miscellaneous from Available Photographs







Membership Statistics 1959 - 2019

Year	Number	Comments
1959	86	There were 10 founding members of the Malaya Study Group. Membership had risen to 16 members by the publication of the first issue of TMP. By the second issue of TMP there were 23 additional members, by the third an additional 29, by the fourth an additional 13 and the fifth an additional 5. So, by the end of 1959, membership stood at 86.
1960	>100	June copy of TMP revealed that 'We are also happy to announce that our membership has now grown to and passed the 100 mark'.
1961	116	Complete list of membership (names and addresses) was published as a supplement to Vol 3 No2. This totalled 116 members with the split being: USA 42; UK 39; Malaysia 17; Singapore 4; Australia 7; other countries (7) 7.
1963	141	In June (Vol 5 No 3) membership list published which showed 141 members with the distribution USA 38; UK 67; Malaysia 11; Singapore 6; Australia 7; other countries (10) 12.
1967	127	Vol 9 no 1 February membership list published. After addenda this gave 127 members with the distribution USA 26; UK 74; Malaysia 10; Singapore 9; Australia 6; other countries (2) 2
1969		The UK Branch AGM noted that there were 110 members in the UK (for the first time being over 100).
1971	192	At the AGM noted that there were 137 members in the UK and TMP in June (Vol 12 No 3) gave the list of members resident outside of the UK with the distribution USA 19; Malaysia 15; Singapore 3; Australia 11; other countries (6) 7.
1972	212	AGM reported UK 147; Malaysia and Singapore 21; USA 19; Australasia 17; other countries 9
1973	221	TMP April (Vol 14 No 2) membership list published. After addenda this gave 221 members with the distribution USA 21; UK 153; Malaysia 16; Singapore 5; Australia 15; other countries (10) 11
1975	244	TMP Vol 16 No 1. April reported 244 members: USA 21; UK 168; Malaysia 12; Singapore 10; Australia 31; other countries (8) 9
1978	268	TMP Vol 19 No 1 February. 268 members: USA 26; UK 167; Malaysia 16; Singapore 16; Australia 33; other countries (9) 10
1979	273	January Committee Meeting minutes notes 273 paid up members.
1981		AGM noted that in 1980 that a large number of new members had joined the Group. While London 1980 had provided several, also the number in Singapore recruited by members there was increased.
1984	386	AGM noted 386 members but including some 45 non-payers!
1985	350	Vol 26 No 2 June. 350 members: UK 215; Australia 40; Singapore 31; USA 28; Malaysia 20; other countries (11) 16.
1986	366	At March AGM noted 366 members
1993	>400	Membership noted in Newsletter at being just over 400.
1994	446	AGM in discussion of subs noted 446 members, with 243 in UK.

1995	450	UK members 240
1998	458	
1999	464	
2000	449	
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2002	448	
2005	438	UK 242; Singapore 45; Malaysia 57; USA 34; Australia 31; Europe 14; other countries 15.
2006	424	UK 239; Singapore 41; Malaysia 56; USA 32; Australia 30; Europe 13; other countries 13.
2008	412	AGM Membership = 412. UK 226; Singapore 40; Malaysia 57; USA 32; Australia 28; Europe 14; other countries 15.
2009	415	
2010	421	
2011	427	UK 219; Singapore 45; Malaysia 63; USA 35; Australia 29; Europe 21; other countries 15.
2012	412	
2013	346	UK 169; Singapore 43; Malaysia 57; USA 20; Australia 28; Europe 16; other countries 13 (reduction driven by strict 'expulsion' for non-payment.
2014	360	
2015	349	
2016	343	
2017	330	
2018	315	Reported as: UK 49%; Singapore 14%; Malaysia 16%; USA 4%; Australia 9%; other countries 8%.

2019 Membership: 320 ordinary members. Of which: 3 Signatories of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists; 24 Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society London; 1 Honorary Member; 5 Honorary Life Members; 1 Corporate Member; and 10 Library members.

Country	No. of Members	Country	No. of Members	Country	No. of Members
Argentina	1	Hong Kong	2	Romania	1
Australia	30	India	1	Scotland	10
Belgium	1	Indonesia	1	Singapore	47
Canada	2	Ireland	1	Spain	1
China	1	Isle of Man	1	Taiwan	1
Cyprus	1	Japan	2	Thailand	1
England	149	Malaysia	53	USA	15
France	2	Netherlands	3	Wales	3
Germany	5	Northern Ireland	1		

Information extracted, where reported, from TMP, Newsletters, AGM reports and the 2019 information from L Stanway's production of the Membership Roll for the Diamond Jubilee.

Archive Material Donated to the Spear Museum of Philatelic History (Held at the Royal Philatelic Society, London)

Bound copies of The Malayan Philatelist Volumes 1 - 31

MSG Publications: The Malayan Philatelist Index to Volumes 1 - 20; Malayan Postal History to 1939 as Recorded in Official Documents; Kelantan: Its Stamps and Postal History; Malayan Post Offices; Malaya: Postal Documents from 1876; Malaya: The Survey Department Essays of 1933-34; Singapore Post Offices and Registration Labels; and The Postage Stamps of Federated Malay States 1900 – 1935.

Book containing handwritten UK Branch Committee Minutes with dates covering 29 March 1963 to 10 April 1970.

Book with a mixture of handwritten and printed UK Branch Ordinary Meeting minutes and Annual General Meeting minutes with dates covering 15 March 1963 to 11 July 1970.

Book with a mixture of handwritten and printed MSG Ordinary Meeting minutes (UK meetings), Annual General Meeting minutes and Committee Minutes with dates covering 19 September 1970 to 10 March 1984.

Single page with signatures of those present at sale of T Traill's collection of Kelantan at YMCA, London, on 2 June 1984. [Located in the back of the above book]

Three bound volumes containing originals of the Newsletters issued.

Vol I: 6 letters sent to UK Members June 1963 to March 1966; UK Branch Newsletters July 1965 (no 1) to Feb 1971 (No 33); MSG Newsletters April 1971 (no 1) to February-March 1979 (No 45)

Vol II: MSG Newsletters April-May 1979 (No 46) to Issue 5 1988 (No 100)

Vol III: MSG Newsletters Issue 1 1989 (No 101) to Issue 6 (Nov/Dec) 1993 (No 127)

Folder with Newsletters Jan/Feb 1994 (No 128) and March/April 1994 (No 129); Auction listings: October 1989; February 1992; June 1992; and October 1992; AGM Notices 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1994.

Loose set of Newsletters May/June 1994 (No 130) to July/Oct 2005 (No 192). Includes some loose AGM Notices: 2000, 2001 and 2003.

Handout MSG display to RPSL 15 October 2009.

Handout Malayan Revenues Peter Cockburn display to RPSL 27 February 2014.

Singapore Stamp Club Newsletter Issue 53 May 2013 [Report of talk by Richard Hale to MSG Members in Singapore].

A half leather bound record book with 'Malaya Study Group' in gold on the spine. [See section on Record Books for contents.]

Auction listings: UK Branch March 1965 - with hand annotated realisations; UK Branch November 1966 - with hand annotated realisations; Auction listing - UK Branch April 1967.

Hardbound volume of MSG Special Auction Sales containing: Descriptions of the display to the Royal Philatelic Society London March 1971; T Traill Kelantan June 1984; T Traill of Trengganu May 1981; H Allen Malaya June 1987; J Rosevear Malaya October 1990; A Skinner Malaya Part 1 October 1991; and A Skinner Malaya Part 2 November 1993.

Three airmail letters from Howard Selzer to L Gunn. One regarding H Selzer's collecting interests (22.09.1958) and two in relation to the formation of the MSG (04.01.1959 and 22.02.1959).

21st Anniversary menu card signed by 33 people.

Certificate from Canada Philatelic Exhibition 1993 to W Lyons for Singapore Post Offices and Registration Labels.

CD containing postal Stationery project illustrations.

London 1980 medal awarded for TMP with presentation case.

AMERIPEX 1986 medal awarded for TMP with presentation case.

4 notebooks listing UK meeting/auction attendees. March 1963 to October 1973; November 1973 to November 1983; January 1984 to September 1990; and October 1990 to April 1997.

Stamp Collecting Weekly Vol 113 No 22 (2934) January 22nd, 1970. Issue contains information about MSG and articles on 'The Story of Malaysia'; The Perak Emergency Postal receipts; The Birth of the FMS Tigers; The Real Values of Malaya; The postmarks of Taiping, Perak; and the "rainbow" mark.

Christies Robson Lowe auction catalogues: Malaya The Howard Selzer Collection, November 1986; The Isleham Collection, Part Three Near and Far East Postage Stamps, November 1986.

MSG Auction Catalogue for M Wade's BMA Postal History, 19 October 2013.

Gibbons Stamp Monthly April 2009 with articles to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of MSG.

Transcript of a presentation on Malaya (States) - Author unknown (but could be H Miller).

'Birthday Card' signed by members present at World Stamp Expro March 1999 in celebration of MSG's 40th Anniversary.

MSG UK Branch Programme Cards 1968/69, 1969/70 and 1970/71.

MSG Programme Cards 1971/72 to 2002/03.

Philatelic Collections Newsletter Spring 2012 - Article on 'Malaya in the British Library Philatelic Collections'.

Reproduction cover 'Forth Taipeng Talk Perak Post 1880 - 1900' signed by Malcom Wade.

Two letters written by Dr FE Wood dated 04.07.1947 and 09.07.1947 and 7 album pages from Dr FE Wood's collection (No stamps) with a cover letter from EW Proud donating them to the Group.

Letter from J Rosevear to Dr FE Wood 26.10.1960.

Hand prepared card to be presented to HRH The Raja Tuanku Syed Putra ibni Al-Marhum Syed Hassan Jamalullail at an MSG reception held in his honour at the RPSL, September 1996.

5x Air Letters sent to Mrs S Cannicott covering philatelic matters.

Number of letters regarding bookings for the dinner arranged for London 2000. Includes 3 Air Letters - 2 of which cover other philatelic matters.

Handout covering displays (13) given at the MSG meeting for London 2000.

Journal of the Japanese occupation Society Vol 1 No 1 (photocopy).

Original data (part?) collected for an MSG Study project on 'Straits Settlements Postage Rates' valid during the nineteenth century (15 sheets).

Card signed by 19 members present at MSG Meeting in Singapore 20 July 2013.

MSG Dinner 14 September 2013 - Menu and list of attendees (21) with respective menu choices.

Mounted collection of photographs from MSG meetings most with annotated locations/names.

Loose collection of photographs from MSG meetings with some annotated locations/names.

Note: Some of the above material may have been existing the Royal Philatelic Society's collections and as such, may be found elsewhere and not duplicated under the MSG donation.